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In re Application of:	:	
Alan G. Wood et al.	:	
Serial No.: 09/612,696	:	DECISION ON PETITION TO
Filed: July 10, 2000	:	WITHDRAW THE HOLDING
Attorney Docket No.: 91-62.20	:	OF ABANDONMENT

This is a decision on the petition to withdraw holding of abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a) filed on April 1, 2004. There is no fee for this petition. As such, the \$130.00 petition fee that applicant paid by check will be credited to Deposit Account 07-1857 as requested in the petition.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application was held abandoned for failure to file a proper reply to the non-final Office action mailed on September 5, 2003. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on March 23, 2004. The Notice of Abandonment incorrectly noted the mail date of the non-final Office action as September 8, 2003.

Petitioner asserts that a response was timely mailed to the U.S Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on October 3, 2003 via the procedure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.8. The evidence provided by the petitioner includes a statement which attests upon a personal knowledge basis to the previous mailing of the response as well as a copy of the response. The copy of the response contains the required certificate of mailing (dated October 3, 2003) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8 (a)(1)(ii). The evidence is sufficient under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8 (b) to establish that the response was timely filed.

For the above stated reason, the petition is granted. The Notice of Abandonment mailed March 23, 2004 is hereby **VACATED** and the holding of abandonment is withdrawn.

The copy of the response submitted with the petition on April 1, 2004 is accepted since the response originally submitted was apparently lost.

The response will be processed by the Technology Center 2800 support staff and the examiner will prepare an Office action based upon the response.

Any inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to Edward Westin at (571) 272-1638.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sharon A. Gibson", written over a horizontal line.

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